

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

*If I am forced to have a medical exam the FDA should definitely pay for it. We are losing our rights one by one just for the sake of big companies or businesses.*

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

*The last time I had an hearing exam was several years ago and they said your hearing is still bad, come back again next year, 75, please. They can't improve my hearing so why have it examined every year when I certainly can't afford it.*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

No They have already taken away too many of our rights.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes It should be my decision alone.

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